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(54) **Expressed sequence tags and encoded human proteins**

(57) The sequences of 5' ESTs derived from mRNAs encoding secreted proteins are disclosed. The 5' ESTs may be to obtain cDNAs and genomic DNAs corresponding to the 5' ESTs. The 5' ESTs may also be used in diagnostic, forensic, gene therapy, and chromosome

mapping procedures. Upstream regulatory sequences may also be obtained using the 5' ESTs. The 5' ESTs may also be used to design expression vectors and secretion vectors.

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Invention 1: Claims 1-4,7,12,18-43,47-58 (all partially)

A purified nucleic acid sequence related to SEQ ID NO: 24,
methods of preparation, the encoded polypeptide, antibodies
thereto, computer systems having stored SEQ ID NO: 24.

Inventions 2-28579 Claims 1-60 (all partially)

As invention 1 but limited to SEQ ID NO: 25-4100 and SEQ ID
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